

Geographical Features

Looking north from the Kofu Basin



This photograph was taken near the Chubu-Odan Expressway's Shirane Interchange

Yamanashi Prefecture is surrounded by steep mountains: to the northeast is the Chichibu Mountain Range; the Akaishi Mountains (Southern Alps) lie to the west at approximately 3,000 meters above sea level. In the south is Mount Fuji, a World Heritage site, at 3,776 meters; and vast plains spread out to the bases of Mount Yatsugatake and Mount Kayagatake in the north. Many of these mountainous regions, rich in scenic forests, lakes, and valleys, have been designated as Natural Parks, such as the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park.

Major Rivers

The Fuji River is one of the three most rapid rivers of Japan.

	(Length)		(Length)
Fuji River <small>(including the Kamanashi River)</small>	122.40km	Hi River	28.40km
Haya River	61.00km	Tsuru River	24.05km
Katsura River	52.85km	Ashi River	23.64km
Fuefuki River	46.50km	Doshi River	20.00km
Ara River	34.00km	Tama River <small>(including the Taba River)</small>	19.74km
Shio River	33.06km		

Note: The length refers to the portion of the river within Yamanashi Prefecture.
Source: River Data Chart

Major Lakes

The Fuji Five Lakes include some of the largest lakes in Japan.

	(Area)	(Circumference)	(Depth)	(Altitude)
Lake Yamanaka	6.78km ²	13.87km	13.3m	980.5m
Lake Kawaguchi	5.70km ²	20.94km	14.6m	830.5m
Lake Motosu	4.70km ²	11.82km	121.6m	900.0m
Lake Sai	2.12km ²	9.85km	71.7m	900.0m
Lake Shoji	0.51km ²	6.80km	15.2m	900.0m

Source: Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

Major Mountains

Three of the highest mountains are located in Yamanashi.

	(Height above sea level)		(Height above sea level)
Mt. Fuji	3,776m	Mt. Komagatake	2,967m
Mt. Kitadake	3,193m	Mt. Akadake	2,899m
Mt. Ainodake	3,190m	Mt. Kannongatake	2,841m
Mt. Senjogatake	3,033m	Mt. Yakushigatake	2,780m
Mt. Notoridake	3,026m	Mt. Jizogatake	2,764m

Source: Geospatial Information Authority of Japan

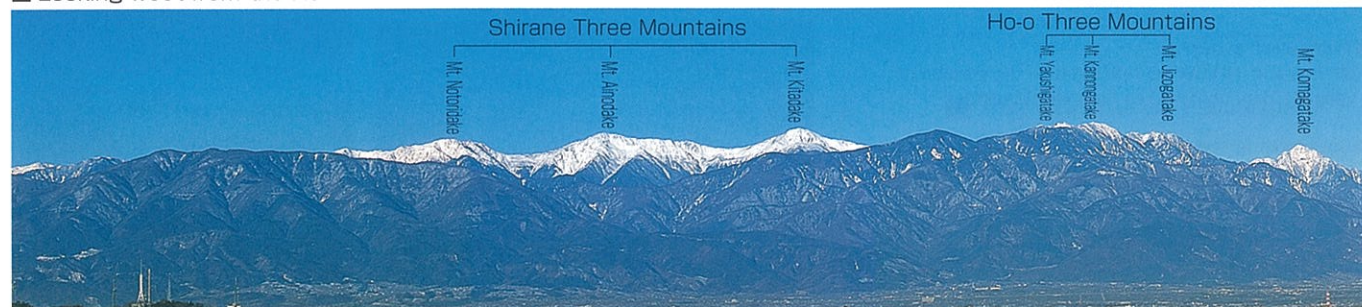
Natural Parks

These six natural parks take up approximately 30% of the prefecture's total land area

	(Area)	(Municipalities involved)	(Date of designation)
Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park	36,742ha	Fujiyoshida City and 6 other municipalities	Feb. 1, 1936
Minami Alps National Park	18,286ha	Nirasaki City and 3 other municipalities	June 1, 1964
Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park	46,834ha	Kofu City and 6 other municipalities	July 10, 1950
Yatsugatake-Chushin-Kogen Quasi-National Park	4,088ha	Hokuto City	June 1, 1964
Minami Alps Koma Prefectural Natural Park	14,841ha	Nirasaki City and 5 other municipalities	Apr. 1, 1966
Lake Shire Prefectural Natural Park	362ha	Ichikawa-Misato Town	Apr. 2, 1959

Note: Area refers to the portion of the parks within Yamanashi Prefecture. Source: Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment

Looking west from the Kofu Basin



This photograph was taken from Yatsushiro Furusato Park (Fuefuki City).

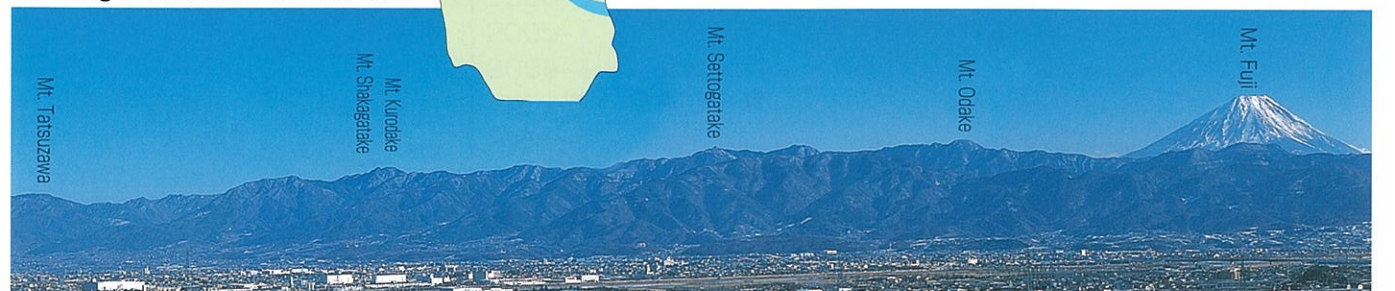
Looking northeast from the Kofu Basin



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Looking southeast from the Kofu Basin



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